(a) whether State Governments have the authority to construct dam, barrier etc. afresh across inter-State rivers unilaterally;

(b) whether any proposal to construct such dam has been sent to the Centre by any State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) in what manner Government would prevent such unlawful construction of dams by any State Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Irrigation is a State subject and as per present policy, irrigation projects are planned, investigated, formulated, implemented and funded by the State Government out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. As per the guidelines of Planning Commission, all major and multi-purpose and medium irrigation project and flood control including drainage projects which have inter-state ramifications, are techno-economically appraised in Central Water Commission (CWC) and approved by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation Flood Control and Multi-purpose projects in the Ministry of Water Resources before the investment clearance to such projects/schemes is accorded by the Planning Commission. As per criteria for techno-economic appraisal followed in CWC, projects situated in an inter-state river basin where no tribunal decision or valid inter-state agreement is available or where no tribunal has been constituted, it is considered desirable to get concurrence of other co-basin State particularly when substantial adverse impact on other co-basin State is anticipated.

(b) and (c) Upto 15th February, 2006, 190 new major and medium irrigation projects from 21 States have been received in CWC for techno-economic appraisal.

(d) In such cases, Central Government persuade the concerned States through dialogue, discussion and correspondence.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, togetherwith Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) S.O. 1755 (E) dated the 13th December, 2005, publishing the Equity Linked Savings (Amendment) Scheme, 2005.

(2) S.O. 1843 (E) dated the 30th December, 2005 notifying the Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited for the purpose of section 80-IA(4) (v)(a) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, which provides for tax deductions to undertakings deriving profits from infrastructure activities.

(3) S.O. 89 (E) dated the 25th January, 2006, notifying the Bombay Stock Exchange Limited, Mumbai and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited, Mumbai as recognized Stock Exchanges for the purposes of clause (d) of the proviso to section 43(5) of the Income-tax Act, 1961. [Placed in Library. For SI. No. (1) to (3) *See* No. L.T.-3674/06]

Notifications of the Ministry of Company Affairs

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Company Affairs Notification G.S.R. 709 (E) dated the 7th December, 2005, publishing the Cost Accounting Records (Electricity Industry) Amendment Rules, 2005, under sub-section (3) of section 642 of the Companies Act, 1956. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T.-3675/06]

II. A copy (in English-and Hindi) of the Ministry of Company Affairs Notification G.S.R. 724 (E) dated the 17th December, 2005 publishing the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (Conditions of Service of Chairman and Members) Amendment Rules, 2005, under sub-section (3) of section 67 of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT.-3676/06]

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—